

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Method for stripping insulation from a region, a so-called window, of a flat cable, a so-called FFC, by means of a laser, ~~preferably by means of a CO₂ laser~~, characterized in that the laser used to form the window operates on only ~~the~~ an edge region of the window, and in that ~~in a subsequent step~~, the remaining insulation in the interior of the edge region of the window is removed in a subsequent step.

2. (Original) Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the remaining insulation in the interior of the window is removed by means of mechanical, thermal, or some other physical method.

3. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 2, characterized in that the FFC is rolled over a roll ~~(6)~~ with a small diameter, ~~preferably between 5-60 times the thickness of the FFC~~ to curve the edge region, and on the curved surface of the FFC, a wedge ~~(7)~~, like a type of doctor blade, bites into the edge region of the window exposed by the laser and pulls away or lifts the insulation ~~(4)~~, thus removing ~~it~~ the insulation.

4. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 3, characterized in that the wedge ~~(7)~~ can pivot about an axis ~~(10)~~ that runs parallel to the axis of the roll ~~(6)~~.

5. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 2, characterized in that the FFC is rolled over a roll (6) with a small diameter, ~~preferably between 5-60 times the thickness of the FFC~~ to curve the edge region, and at the curved surface of the FFC, a brush bites into the edge region of the window exposed by the laser and pulls away or lifts the insulation (4), thereby removing ~~it~~ the insulation.

6. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 5, characterized in that the brush can rotate about an axis that runs parallel to the axis of the roll (6).

7. (Currently Amended) Method according to Claim 6, characterized in that the direction of rotation of the brush in the contact region with the FFC is opposite ~~the~~ a forward direction of the FFC.

8. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the laser comprises a CO₂ laser.

9. (New) The method of Claim 3, wherein the roll has a diameter between 5-60 times the thickness of the FFC.

10. (New) The method of Claim 5, wherein the roll has a diameter between 5-60 times the thickness of the FFC.